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**Remarks/Arguments**

The present amendment amends claims 3, 6, 8, 10 and 15 without prejudice to future prosecution. The amendment is made to indicate "polypeptide" in claim 3, reduce the number of currently pending claims and eliminate the use of a multiple dependent claim format.

Please charge deposit account 13-2755 for fees due in connection with this amendment. If any time extensions are needed for the timely filing of the present amendment, applicants petition for such extensions and authorize the charging of deposit account 13-2755 for the appropriate fees.

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